

(macro)molecules including the steps of selecting bipyridal- or terpyridal-based ligands, combining monomers with connecting metals, and self assembling macrocycles wherein the monomers are interconnected by the metals; and

VII. Claims 17-22, drawn to a compound of a fractal-like, planar organometallic array.

Applicants provisionally elect Group VII, claims 17-22 for prosecution purposes, with traverse. Applicants hereby conditionally withdraw claims 1-16 from prosecution, without prejudice, and request reconsideration of the restriction requirement.

Applicants traverse the restriction requirement based on the following grounds. It is respectfully submitted that the restriction requirement practice was established to promote efficiency of prosecution in the Patent Office. All of the groups of claims relate to a dendritic chemistry and methods of using such chemistry to create energy storage devices. It is respectfully submitted that examination of all of the claims in a single application would be efficient, thereby promoting the grounds for the establishment of the restriction requirement practice. Hence, it is respectfully submitted that restriction should not be required and that Applicants have traversed the restriction requirement. However, as stated above, Applicants have elected the claims of Group VII and provisionally withdrawn claim 1-16, without prejudice, pending reconsideration of the restriction requirement.

Additionally, the Office Action has held that Applicants must elect a single species with regard to claims 17, 18, 21, and 22. In order to further prosecution, Applicants elect iron (Fe).

The application is now in condition for allowance, which allowance is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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